GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:669
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ANTIBIOTICS USED IN PROCESSING OF SEA FOODS
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drugs/antibiotics banned for use in the food processing;

(b) whether the Government are aware that some of these banned antibiotics are being used in the processing of sea foods in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaints from certain States including Andhra Pradesh in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA)

(a): Drugs/antibiotics are not allowed in food processing including sea foods under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954 and Rules made there under.

(b) to (d): There is no complaint regarding use of antibiotics in processing of sea foods.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.